

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Summary of amendments

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-28 are pending.

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-28 are rejected.

The amendments to the claims in response to the rejections in the March 10, 2009 office action are summarized as follows:

Claims 1 and 9 are amended to comply with requirements of form expressly set forth in the previous office action.

Claim 1 is amended to remedy an objection to typographical error in form.

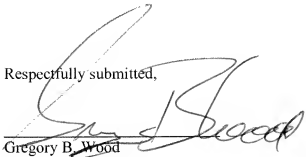
Claim 9 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The double recitation of "the detachable grooved ring" is eliminated.

Applicants have previously submitted a Petition and fee for a three-month extension of time on August 19, 2009, a copy of which is enclosed. No other fee is believed due.

Please ensure that Attorney Docket No. 7288-102/10312532 is referred to should any payments be due for this case.

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